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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 3, 2003, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 5, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

A one month extension of time is believed to be necessary and is hereby requested. Payment for a one month extension of time is enclosed. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the additional extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the

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